

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
November 21, 2016

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, - NOVEMBER 18, 2016

Desalination Plant in Baja California: [REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] The proposed 100 mgd desalinization plant would be the largest in the Western Hemisphere; 70-90 mgd of potable water would go to the Tijuana area, and 10-30 mgd would go north to the U.S. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Eberhardt x2-3420)

San Joaquin Valley (SJV) 1997 PM_{2.5}: The Acting Regional Administrator signed a final rule finding that SJV failed to attain the 1997 PM_{2.5} standards by the deadline of December 31, 2015. This finding will trigger the requirement for California to submit a revised attainment plan for the 1997 PM_{2.5} standards by December 31, 2016. (Mays x2-3227)

Engaging Tribes on Water Quality Certification: We sent a letter to all R9 tribes regarding certification of the Corps "Nationwide" general permits (NWP) that streamline approval of low-impact fills under CWA Sec.404. A total of 54 existing, modified, and new activity-specific NWP will take effect March 2017. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Rosetti x2-3070).

Environmental Education Grants: We announced over \$330,000 in grant awards for four Environmental Education projects to: Napa County RCD to engage high-school students in building resiliency to global climate change; Education Outside to fund its Water Literacy to Action project to educate San Francisco Unified School District students; Plumas Audubon Society to help students from rural families in Plumas, Lassen, and Sierra counties carry out service-learning projects that transform lawns into bird-friendly habitats; and San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy in Encinitas, Calif., to improve environmental science education through a watershed project. (Canteenwala x2-3932)

Great Basin Rule - Owens Lake Dust Control Measures: The Acting Regional Administrator signed a Federal Register Notice finalizing approval of a Great Basin Air District rule memorializing the dust control measures at Owens Lake that were negotiated with the City of Los Angeles. (Vineyard x7-4125)

Great Basin Dust Rules: The Acting Regional Administrator signed Federal Register notice approving dust rules for the Mammoth Lakes area of the Great Basin Air District. The rules were revised to make standard requirements for roads, construction and other dust sources consistent between the city of Mammoth Lakes and the Air District. (Vineyard x7-4125)

Outer Continental Shelf Update: The Acting Regional Administrator signed a proposed rule updating air pollution regulations for outer continental shelf facilities offshore of Ventura and Santa Barbara. We approve applicability of air pollution control district rules to oil platforms and other facilities up to 25 miles offshore. This is not a State Implementation Plan action, but rather a delegation of authority with a 30-day comment period. (Vineyard x7-4125)

Technical Systems Audit (TSA) Report for Bay Area AQMD: We issued the final TSA for this ambient air monitoring program. The BAAQMD monitoring program is robust and meets the applicable requirements, though there were areas that the program could improve. BAAQMD is required to submit a detailed corrective action plan to address all the findings in the final TSA report. (Mebust x2-3265)

Truck and Bus:

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(Galer x7-4289).

Brownfields Job Training: Brownfields staff met with the Tucson Urban League to discuss their \$200K Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant. The funds will be used to train 60 residents and place 48 in environmental jobs from the oldest neighborhood in Pima County, Tucson's south side, which encompasses over 50 square miles. Participants will receive training in 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, Lead & Asbestos, Confined Space, Flagger, Commercial Driver's Licenses and Wastewater Treatment Operator training totaling over 400 hours of training. Pima Community College and Pima County One-Stop are assisting in the training, recruitment, screening and job placement. (Emeric-Ford x4-1821)

Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health: Dan Meer and staff met with LAC DPH staff to exchange information on risk assessments, setting of action levels, cleanup levels and public health assessments. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Meer x2-3132)

Refinery Training: We hosted a five-day risk management program refinery training in the regional offices for RMP inspectors from multiple EPA regions as well as Cal OSHA and several CUPA inspectors. (Lawrence x2-3039)

Anaconda Copper Mine Site The comment period for the proposed NPL listing of this NV site closed on November 8. We received a petition with 4,825 signatures supporting listing as well as 40 comment letters from the community and tribes. Letters from Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARC), NDEP and Singatse Peak Services did not support listing at this time. NDEP requested EPA consider deferral of the listing as they believe a potential alternative funding mechanism has been identified. Discussions with NDEP, BLM and ARC continue. (Chow x2-3160)

NPDES Permit: We issued an NPDES permit for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Wastewater Treatment Plant that serves residence and septic haulers in Pinon, Arizona, in the central portion of the Navajo Nation. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Tran x2-3511)

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 2, 2016

Florence Copper:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Albright x2-3971)

San Juan River: We facilitated a workshop with states and tribes regarding the San Juan River. The discussion laid the groundwork for future collaboration on the following three objectives: 1) improved sharing of data and analysis, 2) greater collaboration in sampling, and 3) a multi-jurisdictional approach to sharing information with the public. We offered a post-workshop call for congressionals from Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. (Montgomery x2-3438)

Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP):

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Lee x2-3958)

South Coast Combustion Rules:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Law x7-4126)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Ajo and Morenci SO₂ Plans:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

. (Tax x7-4192)

Nevada 2008 Ozone Transport SIP:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Kelly x2-3856)

U.S.-China GPVI Workshop and Study Tour: On November 28, OITA will host a Chinese delegation as part of the second formal U.S.-China GPVI Workshop and Study Tour. The meetings in Los Angeles and Seattle/Tacoma support efforts to build capacity for green ports and vessels in the Asia-Pacific region. (McDaniel x7-4203)

Navajo Generating Station (NGS):

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Lee x2-3958)

Navajo Nation: Lawrence Torres will travel to Navajo Nation to assist with stormwater inspections and training at the request of Navajo EPA stormwater staff and management who want additional EPA guidance and training to improve their stormwater program. (Wampler x2-3975)

New Fitness Center: On Monday, November 28, the new second floor Fitness Center will open.

CIO Review: CIO Ann Dunkin will visit Region 9 on Monday, December 5 to conduct the annual FITARA Portfolio review of the R9 IT program and upcoming IT procurements.